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BLM-Roswell Receives National Conservation Award

ROSWELL – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management Roswell Field Office has received the Wildlife Management Institute's (WMI) Presidents Award for 2002, according to Ed Roberson, BLM-Roswell field office manager.

WMI President Rollin D. Sparrowe presented the award April 5 at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Dallas, Texas. Dan Baggao and Rand French accepted on behalf of the Roswell field office.

WMI honored the Roswell office for aiding conservation of the lesser prairie chicken in sand-shinnery oak growth areas of eastern New Mexico. The award states that the Roswell Office applied vision and consistent effort to adjust traditional land management practices and coordinated conservation efforts with ranchers and energy companies.

The award citation states that the BLM developed grazing and land management strategies that restored vegetative health on grazing allotments and implemented seasonal and spacial guidelines to minimize effects of oil and gas operations.

The WMI is a private, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization based in Washington, D.C. The organization's stated purpose is the conservation, enhancement and professional management of North America's wildlife and natural resources.